

Foster Parent T4T Certification Process

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Purpose of the Training for Trainer Courses

The DCS Training for Trainers (T4T) courses are designed for Professional Agency Trainers and Foster Parent Co-Trainers. The course offerings coincide with the training requirements and electives outlined in DCS Policy 16.8. All DCS and Provider Agency Trainers (Primary Trainers) who train foster parents must have a college degree and must successfully complete the T4T in each course they intend to deliver. T4Ts are offered for PATH pre-approval courses, required and elective In-service courses, Parenting the Youthful Offender, Medication Administration, and CPR & First Aid.

Training Requirements

In order to become certified to train foster parents, trainers must successfully register, attend, and participate in a T4T. Trainers are allowed to train only the courses in which they are certified and have received a certificate as proof of attendance and certification.

Training Updates

In the event that an update is offered for a course in which a trainer has been certified, the certification becomes invalid if the trainer does not attend the update T4T. Certification is renewed upon completion of the update T4T.

Certification Requirements

View the following pages to learn about the certification process for T4Ts offered by Parent Learning & Development.

T4T Course	Certification Process
PATH T4T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend T4T, actively participate, and receive certification certificate. • New PATH Trainers must co-lead a PATH parent group within six (6) months of completing the Training for Trainers. • Lead at least one PATH group each year. • PATH Trainers must submit proof of PATH delivery to DCS annually to maintain trainer certification. Certification can be submitted online by visiting the Foster Parent Training website at http://tn.gov/dcs/topic-Foster-Parent-provider-training.
In-Service Part 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend T4T, actively participate, and receive a certification certificate. • Attend updates as required by DCS. <p>Material Covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Birth Parents • Connecting Children and Parents through Visitation • Cultural Awareness for 1st Year Foster Parents • Cultural Awareness for 2nd Year Foster Parents • Helping Children Make Transitions
In-Service Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend T4T, actively participate, and receive a certification certificate. • Attend updates as required by DCS. <p>Material Covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting the Sexually Abused Child • What to Know about Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking • Fostering Positive Behavior • Child Development
Electives Part 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend T4T, actively participate, and receive a certification certificate. • Attend updates as required by DCS. <p>Material Covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging and Parenting Teens • Professionalism and Ethics • Partnership in Action • Managing Crisis • Positive Discipline 2

T4T Course	Certification Process
Electives Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend T4T, actively participate, and receive a certification certificate. • Attend updates as required by DCS.
Material Covered:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loving and Letting Go • Creating Teachable Moments
Working with the Education System T4T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend T4T, actively participate, and receive a certification certificate. • Attend updates as required by DCS.
Parenting the Youthful Offender T4T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend T4T, actively participate, and receive a certification certificate. • Attend updates as required by DCS.
Medication Administration T4T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainers must have a valid Tennessee Nursing License (LPN or RN). • Trainers must have attended and actively participated in a Medication Administration classroom T4T. • Attend T4T, actively participate, and receive an attendance certificate. • Provide DCS with a copy of Nursing License and T4T certificate prior to delivery of any Foster Parent Training. • Submit information to Stephany.Havens@tn.gov.
CPR & First Aid T4T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainers must have a valid CPR & First Aid Trainer certification. • Trainers must provide DCS with a valid copy of BLS Trainer Certification from a recognized Provider and must show attendance in a CPR & First Aid T4T. • Submit information to Stephany.Havens@tn.gov. • Instructors of EMS CPR & First Aid will maintain copies of EMS Safety records for future verification of training as required and requested by EMS Safety, Inc.
Material Covered:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPR & First Aid Certification (if not already certified) • CPR & First Aid T4T